

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing ~~or inhibiting in~~ a person from development of tolerance to analgesic effects of morphine comprising administering to such person a pharmaceutical composition having berberine as an effective ingredient.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.